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## LOUISIANA SENATE TO HOLD MILITARY FAMILY DAY IN HONOR OF LOUISIANA'S FALLEN HEROES ON TUESDAY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>

The Louisiana State Senate will hold its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Family Day to honor Louisiana Fallen Heroes and their families on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 24</u>, <u>2018 at 2:30 p.m.</u>, <u>during the legislative session in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol</u>.

Since the Military Family Day program began in 2005, the Senate has honored 228 fallen soldiers from Louisiana serving in the U.S. military for their sacrifice in defense of freedom. This year, six fallen heroes will be honored with a resolution, authored and read by Senator Jonathan Perry (R-Kaplan) and passed by the entire membership. Each Senate Resolution (SR) will be given to the soldier's family along with a state flag. The following will be honored:

- SR 127 SGT Mark C. Palmateer, Army National Guard
- SR 128 LCPL Dominique J. Clement, United States Marine Corps
- SR 129 SPC Brock Rollins, United States Army
- SR 130 LCPL Taylor Conrad, United States Marine Corps
- SR 131 LT Patrick Ruth, United States Navy
- SR 132 Airman Matthew Chialastri, United States Navy

"The Senate's annual Military Family Day is our humble attempt to pay tribute to Louisiana's fallen servicemen and women," said Sen. Perry. "We are honored to celebrate the lives of these six young men as we commemorate their service and sacrifice."

The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber and a balloon release will be held immediately following the program on the Senate patio on the west side of the capitol. The families of the fallen soldiers and all military families are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Morgan Robertson at 225.342.6270 or go to <a href="http://senate.la.gov">http://senate.la.gov</a> and click on the Support Our Troops symbol to view the resolutions honoring each solider.